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ANTI-HANNA MEN AHEAD. THEY ORGANIEE THE OHIO HOUSE

AND SENATE.

Boxwell Defented for Speaker by Mason by a Vote of 50 to 58-Spoils Parcelled Out to the Combine-The Democrate Control the Senate-Indignation of the People-Sen-

ater Hanna May Vet Be Re-elected. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 3.—The Hall of Representatives was the scene of a drama this morning witnessed by a large crowd about equally divided in sympathies and excited interest There were many anxious faces, for it was the tealing that no one could be sure of the two or three doubtful votes, sharply contested as they were last night until long after midnight. At 2 A. M. a doubtful member was kidnapped by the combine and held under guard until he voted. The incitement for this desperate work was the feeling hat the combination had no chance at all for the great event unless they won to-day, and so those in it were wolfish. A change of two votes would have given the Republicans instead of the combination the organisation of the House and insured the election of Hanna to the Senate. It was not possible, however, to kept away from Mason, the combination candidate for Speaker, six votes of elected Repub licans that were for him as against Boxwell, the regular Republican nomines. There were in this some of the alleged reform elements in municipal government, and a feeling against some of the legislation of the three Repu Assemblies in succession, some of which is popularly charged as favorable to monopolies. This string was effectively pulled.

It was a combination assertion that there were two men who would vote for Boxwell and would not vote for Hanna, but this story credited for a time in the confusion, proves to be a mistake. Mr. Hanna has solid the fiftythree votes that appeared in the House caucus, nominated Boxwell for Speaker, and voted for him, and there are six men voting to-day for Mason, whose declarations that they will be for Hanna, as national matter, notwithstanding their aberration in State politics, are explicit and held to be reliable. It is as positive as anything can be in this atmosphere of abounding uncertaintles that there are Democrats who voted for Mason who will not vote for Bushnell or any professed Republican. It would be remarkable if the difficulty of getting Hanna votes solid for the regular legislative slate should not appear in increased proportions when the combination propose to deliver the Democratio votes for some one outside their party lines.

Already there are several names of Demo erats mentioned as likely to prove beneficiaries of the disorgunization in case Hanna should ultimately be defeated. Among them are Brice and McLean. There is one Silver Republican who proposes to nominate Mr. Jeptha Garrard and give him one vote, hoping something may come of it. There is more than a probability that one Democrat may tentatively put in nomination and vote for ex-Senator Brice, also indulging himself in great expectations. There may be others in the list. A failure to present a Democratic can-

vote for ex-Senator Brice, also indulging himself in great expectations. There may be others in the list. A failure to present a Democratic candidate by the customary caucus process may result in several Democratic candidates. Even McLean might allow a quiet friend to put up his name in earnest to be withdrawn as a play for a chance. If it should turn out that there are votes for sale to beat Hanna with, why should not McLean buy them with his money for himself, or for some other good Democrati?

If has been boasted by the combination that they had a great deal more money against Hanna than could be raised for him. "Ten dollars to one" is the barroom deficance. There are signs that there is a basis of truth for this story. Now, whence comes the money, the "\$10 to \$11" Is it from McLean, Bushnell, or the silver trust! Cau it be used to buy many Democratic votes for a Republican? If so it should be just about as easy to get a few Republican votes for a Democrat. We have, of course, the wild, concerted clamor of the combination and its variegated gangs, that the organization of the Legislature is the decisive event, that it finishes the fight, the rest being mere coremony. All that is red and yellow in journalism, and all that the Democratic press, sensational or submissive, can say to make a rush and "jam this thing through," is engaged without scruple in the enterprise of shouting and posting an exuitant announcement of complete victory.

This is strategical. The bigger fight is now on. The Senatorial cacues comes to-morrow night. There is time enough to hear from all of the Counties of Ohio, and to give those chosen to the Legislature as Republicans, who have wandered in legislature organization, fair notice and last warning that they can be Republicans herefeter, on conditions.

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The realization of what was actually going on in Commbus and has been accomplished to-day in beating the Republican organization of the Legislature was too late to hear from the people of the State, except in a very fragmentary way. All that has been heard, and despatches are pouring in to-day, is that there is inexpressible indignation among Republicans. There will be no failure in the expression of Republican public opinion in all the States demanding the election of Hanna, and the people must know to the last man, those responsible for factious opposition to him and all about every shred of excuse for not yielding him the crowning victory he won at the boils against odds that can now be better estimated than formerly.

It may be safely said that the opposition to Mr. Hanna's election to the Senate among Republicans is absolutely insignificant. Those who risk anything on the contrary proposition will have to settle with themselves for loases. The member from Cuyahoga who seconded the nomination of Boxwell to-day, saying that ninety-nine out of one hundred Republicans were for the regular form and candidates, voiced the general judgment as to the truth. We hear every moment from the Republicans approval of the Allen O. Myers, Charles Kurtz, John McLean, and Gov. Bushnell work of this morning.

morning.

There has been but one thing said by the Republican end of the combine in extenuation for the fight they have made against Hanna, and it is the assertion that he refused to place Kurts in charge of the recent campaign. Can any one now fall to see that Kurtz, who has been full of grudges for years, would have embraced the opportunity to slaughter Hanna, giving the Legislature directly into the hands of the Democracy, as he is now doing it indirectly! That is Mr. Hanna's vindication for his alleged boasism, of which Gov. Bushnell plaintively says he is "tired."

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It was made known by the events of to-day
that the combination has been carefully organized, is provided with the sines of war, and
has resolution and malice enough to carry out a
programme to the extent of its ability and
promised to the Democrats. The prestige of
this success will be worked to the extreme with
venomens energy. The little scraps of patronage about the State House were sufficient, as advoitly handled by the combination, to change at the last moment the
two votes by which the House was jest to the
Republicans; and there was personal influence
enough to precure the absence of a Republican
Senator, turning over the Senate to the Democrats. Then the Democrats took to themselves
the spoils of the Senate and the combine Republicans took all that was loose in the House.
The supply is exhausted and the methods are inadequate for the larger contention. That affects
the Senate of the United States, the Administration of the mation, and deeply and in many ways
interests all the people who know enough to
know that peace and prosperity denond upon
the well-ordered rule of the majority, and that
the obligation to consent to that rule is as essential in the control of parties as in the conduct of the Governmen!

The combination are congratulating themselves that their slates of legislative organization were perfected. The regular Republicans
are strong in the faith that Hanna will be
effected Senator next week. The local organ of
the combina is furious and profuse in personal
abuse of Hanna, showing him with a rehash of all
the dirt of the Hryan eampaign. Otherwise there
is an inter

earlier in the day. Mark Hanna's friends in Cincinnati have been urging Foraker to go to hel Hanna.

"I have a very sick boy at home," said the Senator. "Little Arthur has scarlet fever, and I am greatly worried about him. Unless I should see some reason for changing my plans, I shall go to Washington tb-night. I don't know a ything about the Senatorial contest. I have read Goy, Bushnell's discussion of that subject I do not care to say anything on the question." Dear.
There has been given out to-night a statement by friends of Mr. Hanna opening with this:
While the failure of the Republicans to organize the two houses of the Legislature was a surprise and matter of regrest to the supporters of Senator Hanna, they do not believe that it he sany bearing upon or especial relation to the Senatorship.

The mem bers of the Legislature were not

pledged or instructed by their constituents in any way to vote for any individual as any officer of the Legislature."

In the case of the Senatorship it is different. There is a recitation of facts as to the essential difference between the State and national issues, and the address contains this as to the Senatorship it is different. There is a recitation of facts as to the essential difference between the State and national issues, and the address contains this as to the Senatorship it is different. There is a recitation of facts as to the essential difference between the State and conventions assembled their desire that Mr. Hanna be elected Senator by this General Assembly, which has been to-day organized, and the State Conventions of dedared unanimously. This matter must be decided by the Republican members of the General Assembly, who are pledged, both by the action of the people they represent and by their own statement and acts, to his support. The election of Mr. Hanna was made a direct issue not only before the State and county conventions, but in the election isst November, in which his name and candidacy were the leading issue.

"That these conditions are recognized by Republican members generally is shown by the fact that already soveral of the mem who to day voted against the nominees of the Republican organization caucus have voluntarily stated that they intend to vote for Mr. Hanna, and that they have from the first considered the question of his election as having no relation to or bearing upon the mere organization of the House."

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during which time a son was born, Ratcliffe treated her with such cruelty that she was compelled to leave him. Friends intervened to settle the trouble between them, and she finally rejoined her husband, but almost immediately after he left her and went to Dublin, where he joined Mary Anderson's company, which was then starting for America.

HANNA MEN NOT DISCOURAGED.

Balters Come to His Boom and Pledge Them

selves to Support Him.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 3.—The Republican-Demo

cratic combine gained a signal victory in both

branches of the Ohio General Assembly to-day.

was somewhat dimmed by the events of the day.

seed, and this evening appear to have their old-

time confidence, and are claiming the election of

the Republican candidate with as much vigor as

The feeling at the capital and throughout the

State is most intense, and growing every hour.

Many of the appointees of Gov. Bushnell who

sympathize with Hanna are sending in their

resignations by wire and letter, and the war is

on in all its bitterness. Early this morning the

Hanna-Boxwell caucus slate was not wholly

despaired of, and there was a hope that at least

some of the caucus nominees might get through

A most remarkable scene was witnessed just

before the House was called to order. The regu-

a' Republicans came in and took their seats as

usual but the Democrats marched from their

headquarters in a body, and right behind them

came the nine bolting Republicans, closely

guarded by a platoon of police, who refused to

allow any one to accost them on the march.

Still more remarkable was the scene presented

by Gov. Bushnell, who marched right behind

them. Every precaution was taken to prevent

the friends of Hanna from getting close to them.

Both Boxwell and Mason, rival candidates for

Speaker, were received with applause when

they entered the chamber. When the name of

Boxwell was called upon to vote on the Speak-

heir pistols.

John R. McLean left Washington to-night for

Incidnati, and will remain on the edge of the phio battle ground until after the Senatorial

FORAKER KEEPS MUM.

His Hoy Is Very Sick at Home and He Refuse

bus to-day.

Hanna I" he was asked.

to Talk Politics. CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 3.-Senator Foraker was nformed by wire of the turn of events in Colum-

"Does this portend the defeat of Mark

"Well, I wouldn't like to say," he replied.

"Am I going to Columbus! Not at all. Why should I!"

That was Foraker's response to an inquire

earlier in the day. Mark Hanna's friends in

New Shins for Cuban Service. The New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Con pany has entered into a contract with the

Cramps in this city for five steel vessels of 5,000 tons each of the twin screw pattern, and having a speed of sixteen knots.

But this hope was doomed to speedy disappoint

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but his friends and managers were not discou

The outlook for the success of Senator Hanns

On the eve of his departure, in September, 1885, she received a letter from Dublin com-plaining that she had appropriated one of his trunks, and excusing himself from sending her money. He promised that if he was able to spare some money later he would see what he could do. Mrs. Ratcliffe sent a letter to Mr. Abbey, asking him to obtain from her husband an allowance for the support of the child. Mr. Abbey replied that he was unable to interfere. Mrs. Ratcliffe has never since received a direct communication from her husband, but re-

graphs which had been taken in San Francisco Both were indorsed with messages to her. One photograph represented Ratcliffe as Romeo, and was inscribed: "Alas, that Love, so gentle in his view, should be so tyrannous and rough." It was also inscribed: "To dear Carrie, with kindest remembrances of the past,

ceived through his mother, in 1886, two photo-

EDWARD J. RATCLIFFE." from yours, After the receipt of these photographs Mrs. Ratcliffe never heard from her husband again. She tried to support herself and child, returning to the business with which she had been occupied before her marriage. In 1887 she was prostrated with typhoid fever, and appealed to Ratcliffe's father, who wrote to his son. If the latter replied she never received his letter. She never afterward com nunicated with her husband's parents, but learned of his career from his married sister. Mrs. Ratcliffe says she hopes her revelation will help the daughter of Mr. Peter De Lacy to

obtain a divorce, and that the evidence of bigamy will enable her (Mrs. Ratcliffe) to do Warden O'Shea of the Tombs went to Ratcliffe's cell at 12 o'clock last night and asked him if the report that he was married to Caro-

Boxwell was called upon to vote on the Speak-erahip he axoes and announced that he would vote for Boxwell because he was the only Re-publican candidate. Mason voted for himself likewise, but said nothing while doing it. The ballot gave Mason 56, one more than enough, and Boxwell 53, two short. Secretary of State Kinney, who called the House to order, named two Democrats to escort the new Speaker to his desk, and everybody laughed. The rest of the combine slate went though by the same vote. Not a single Demo-crat was elected in the House, according to the agreement. line Ravenhill on Aug. 19, 1883, was true. The actor replied: "The whole story is utterly absurd. Such a marriage never occurred. They must have

though by the same vote. Not a single Democrat was elected in the House, according to the
agreement.

In the Senate a somewhat different scene was
enacted, and many who came to witness a contest were somewhat surprised at the turn affairs had taken during the night. On the previous evening the Democratic Senators caucused until far in the sariy heurs of the morning before a slate could be agreed upon. Judge
pitty, who was opposed by Senator Valentine—
holding the deciding vote—did not give way
until after 1 o'clock in the morning, and then
the way was comparatively easy.

Senator Valentine was allowed to name the
Senate Clerk, which he did by asking for one of
his neighbors. That concession, with the absence of Senator Burke from Hanna's own city,
gave the Democrate the Senate organization by
a vote of 18 to 17. It was a surprise that a
Democrat was elected President protem, for
in the event of the election of Bushnell
as Senator he would become the LieutenantGovernor, and the State would have the spectacle of a party electing a Lieutenant-Governor
by 30,000 majority in November, and two
months later turning the office over to a Demcerat.

The faithful friends of Senator Hanna in both gotten hold of some other case." In response to a question from the Warden, Rateliffe said that he might have been in Lon-don on the date mentioned, but could not remember. On Ratcliffe's trial the prosecution tried to bring out evidence to show that he had been married in London.

On cross-examination, Assistant District Attorney Lloyd asked Ratcliffe if he was acquaintd with an actress known as Caroline. Ratcliffe said he couldn't remember. Then Mr. Lloyd asked him whether he had been married to a member of Mary Anderson's company when the company was playing in London This question was ruled out. Finally, he was asked if he had ever lived with a woman in London, and he exclaimed:
"I have never lived with any woman except-

ing my wife,"

PERSIA READY TO REVOLT. The New Shah's Role Has Reduced the Coun try to Desperate Poverty.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR. BERLIN, Jan. 3 .- Advices received here from Persia show that that country is on the brink of revolution. In the districts where Russian and British interests most conflict a dissolution of the central authority and the conversion of the provinces into independent States are an-

Governor, and the State would have the spectacle of a party electing a Lieutenant-Governor by 30,000 majority in November, and two months later turning the office over to a Democrat.

The faithful friends of Senator Hanna in both branches will get the small end of everything. All the choice Chairmanships will go to the Kurtz element and the Democrats in the House, while in the Senate the Democrats get not only all the offices, but the best Chairmanships besides. All legislation will be controlled entirely by the combine. But although the outlook for the election of Hanna, as indicated by the day's results, is not as favorable as if the caucus slate had gone through, the claims of the Senator's managers are encouraging to the rank and file of the party throughout the State. Kurtz and Bushnell have been able to vote their friends on organization, but it is confidently asserted that they cannot hold them for anybody but Hanna.

After the organization of the House at noon two of the bolters, Joyce of Guernzie and Griffith of Union, came into the Hanna headquarters and pledged themselves to support the Senator. These, with the Boxwell strength, give Hanna 55 votes in the House, and, with the 17 he holds in the Senate, he would have 72 votes, or one short of election. The Senator's friends are willing to admit that he might not get this one vote, but they are positive that Bushnell will not profit by his course, so far as the Senatorship is concerned.

There are good grounds for the belief that at least six Democrate will refuse to longer follow the combine orders and vote for either Kurtz, McKisson, or Bushnell. These six, it is said, will support a silver Republican like former Congressman McClure, who represented a Democration from the Roxwell strength, but refuse to disclose who they are. This has been one secret of their success from the start. Half of the ten bolters were never suspected until their disappearance. The Hanna people are inclined to believe that the same trick will be worked on them gain.

Should It is asserted that the new Shah's rule has reduced the country to desperate poverty. The imnense treasure accumulated by Nasr-ed-din, the present Shah's father, has been dissipated, and the inhabitants of the country are heavily taxed. The inhabitants of the province of Shiraz expelled the Governor three months ago and es tablished an independent triumvirate of priests. who addressed an ultimatum to the Shah ac cusing him of incompetence and demanding the reforms that his father promised.

NORWAY FEELS WARLIKE.

Her Hestility to Sweden Intensified by Fresh

Special Cable Despatch to THE SU CHRISTIANA, Norway, Jan. 3.-The bellicos spirit has been revived here by the Verdensgang, the organ of the party of the Left, publishing a report upon alleged clandestine inquiries made in August by Swedish officers regarding several Norwegian fortresses. The publication has caused a sensation in both countries.

Influential Swedish newspapers indulge in war threats. Coincident with these threats is the establishment of great Swedish depots for war munitions at Osterund, on the Norwegian frontier. The indignation in Norway has been increased by this action on the part of Sweden

KALMUS FOUND THE GAS LEAK. The Ensuleg Explosion Blow 8600 in Bills

About the Millinery Store-No One Hurt. The servant of Paul Kalmus of 13 Division street complained yesterday of the smell of gas. Mr. Kalmus, who keeps a millinery store on the ground floor, got a candle and climbed up on a stepladder with it to look for the loak. He found it.

There was an explosion that blew out the There was an explosion that blew out the plate glass window, ripped the plaster off the wall, upset Mrs. Friel, the saleswoman, and started Ruth, his baby, bawing like mad in her baby carriage. The flying glass cut and bruised several persons who were passing in the street, but no one was seriously hurt.

A wad of bills containing \$600, with which Mr. Kalmus was just going to the bank, was blown all oyer the store, but all the bills were found afterward. The house and store were damaged \$700.

A MASHER ARRESTED.

He Was Caught by a Policeman Speaking to

Several women while walking in Broadway yesterday afternoon complained to Policeman Allen that a well-dressed man had insulted The women gave Allen a description of their annoyer and Allen watched for him When the bluecoat saw a man answering the

When the bluecost saw a man answering the description brush up sgainst a woman and speak to her at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street, he arrested him and haled him to the West Thirtisth street station.

Policeman Allen made a charge of disorderly conduct against his prisoner, who said he was George Anderson, 41 years old, of 212 West Thirty-ninth street. Anderson wore a silk hat and clothes to match. He was locked up. No the knew him at the address he gave.

RUNAWAY IN FIFTH AVENUE. Coupe Tipped Over-Mrs. Sidney Ashmere and

Mrs. Sidney Ashmore of 102 Waverley place, ecompanied by her granddaughter, Mariot Ashmore, and her maid, Alice Brook, started for a drive through Central Park about 2:30 P. M. yesterday. They hired a coupé from H. & R. Van Cott of the Brevoor: House stables, to which was attached one horse. The driver was John Pickett.

Her Maid Injured.

When they reached Forty-second street the horse took fright at a steam roller in the avenue and began to run north. Pickett man aged to hold him for a while, sufficiently to steer clear of other vehicles. Several persons ran out into the street and endeavored to stop

ran out into the street and endeavored to stop
the horse, but they succeeded only in making
him run faster.

When Mrs. Ashmore realized that the horse
was running away she pulled down the window on the right side of the coupé and cried for
help. Alice Brook, the maid, did likewise on
the other side.

At Fifty-second street the horse made a sharp
turn to the east. The coupé struck against the
curb and turned over on its right side, while
the horse was brought to a standstill by one
of the street corner posts. Pickett, the driver,
jumped as the coupé went over and landed on
his feet unhurt. Marion, the child, was thrown
through the open window and escaped with a
few slight bruises.

Mrs. Ashmore and the maid fared much
worse. The former was on the under side and
was severely cut on the face and neck. The
maid was thrown on top of her and was badly
bruised on the right arm and shoulder.

Mrs. Ashmore is the mother of H. E. Ashmore, professor of Latin in Union College.

FIGHT WITH MOONSHINERS. Eight Revenue Officers Ambushed and Force

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 3.—There was a hot fight on Caney Creek, in Elliott county, on New Year's Day, between eight revenue officers under Marion O. Cockrell and some twenty moon-

shiners. It was just before court convened at Frankfort, and the officials, bent on making a good showing, had gone up Caney Creek, a branch which empties into the Little Sandy River, which stream is known to carry away more slop from moonshine stills than any other in the State. Before they had progressed ten miles from the railroad, they surprised a party of five at work at a still on the

aurprised a party of five at work at a still on the bank of the creek, and captured all of them, destroying the still.

An informer had tipped them that a half dozen men were to be found still further up the river, and the officers set out, taking their prisoners with them. The other moonshiners had been informed of the approach of the officers and lay in ambush, some twenty strong.

When the first shots were fired the prisoners broke away, and three of them made their escape, leaving the officers to bear the fire of the hidden enemy. The men were located and a hot fight was given them, but the officers were finally forced to withdraw. None of them was hit, but they learned before they left the neighborhood that Milt Whitt, Frank Mastin, and Jim Morton, members of the moonshiners' camp, had been slightly wounded. Neither of the men was arrested, however, the officers being satisfied to return with their lives and the two prisoners who failed to get away.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT SHOT. Mit in the Back as He West to Prayer Meet

ing-Perhaps Mortally Hurt. JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 3.-Prof. E. H. Triplett, President of Alcorn A. and M. College at Rodney, a school for colored boys, was shot and perhaps mortally, wounded last night as he was on his way to attend prayer meeting. Superintendent of Education Kincannon was notified of the shooting immediately, and bloodhounds were sent to the scene from the Oakley farm. There is no clue to the assassin. The shooting was done on the college grounds, as the church is located within a stone's throw of the college building. It is known to be a fact that for the last two years there has been a great deal of discord in the faculty, and that Triplett and the professors under him have not got along

the professors under him have not got along harmoniously.

The trouble has been caused by some ambitious members of the faculty who have been trying to oust Triplett and get the Presidency for themselves, but the State Board of Education has refused to replace him. In the faculty troubles and the bitterness there engendered it is possible that a clue may be found to the killing. Triplett was for ten years principal of the negro graded school at Meridian, and there was universally esteemed by whites and blacks, because he was an educator of the Booker T. Washington sort, and a man of much sense and Judgment.

BIG PAPER COMBINE FORMED.

Arrangements Practically Completed for Con salidating Sixteen Eastern Plants.

It was understood in Wall street yesterday that the interests representing sixteen wood pulp paper-making plants in this State and New England, with a daily capacity of 1.543 tons. had agreed upon the formation of the Interns tional Paper Company, with a capital stock of \$50,000,000, which would effect the propose consolidation which has been under discussio for a long time. The new company, it was reported, would take control on Jan. 16. D.O. Mills, who is heavily interested in the Niagara Falls Paper Company, said yesterday that he understood that the negotiations for the consolidation had been practically completed. He denied a report that he would underwrite the se-

nied a report that he would underwrite the se-curities of the new company, "I will be quite willing, said Mr. Mills, "to take a block of the bonds of the company. I do not think in the placing of the securities the public will be applied to. All the large paper mills of the East are in the combination, and some of the large Western mills may enter it. The main office of the company will be in this city. The officers have not yet been elected. "I do not think that the consolidation will re-sult in any material change in prices. Its chief advantages will be the concentration of manage-ment and the reduction of expenses."

EX-JUDGE DILLON'S LEG BROKEN He Fell Over a Stone Horse Block on Christmas Eve and Is Confined to His Bed.

Ex-Judge John F. Dillon, who was for many years private counsel to the late Jay Gould and is now counsel to George J. Gould and other members of the Gould family, and who was one of the Commissioners who framed the new charter, is confined to his bed at his country house at Far Hills, N. J., with a broken leg. On Christmas eve Judge Dillon, who is well ad vanced in years, was informed that flames were issuing from one of the chimneys in his house, and that the structure might take fire at any

and that the structure might take fire at any moment.

Picking up his hat Judge Dillon hurried out of the house to see just what was the matter. He could see nothing from the sidewalk and started to walk out into the road. Directly in his path was a stone horse block. Forgetful of the location of the block, Judge Dillon stumbled over it and fell heavily. When he attempted to get up he found himself unable to do so. He called for assistance, and was carried into the house. A physician was summoned, and it was then learned that his leg was broken. Encouraging reports of his condition come to his office in the Western Union building, but it will be many weeks before he will be able to return to his desk.

BUSHNELL'S MESSAGE.

The Bonded Indebteduess of Ohio Being Re duced Rapidly. COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 3.-Gov. Bushnell's me

sage to the Legislature to-day shows the State's

finances to be in good condition, and advises economy in the matter of appropriations. The bonded indebtedness of the State is now being reduced at the rate of \$250,000 annually which if maintained will leave a debt of only \$1,665 in 1902, representing a canal bond which

\$1,665 in 1902, representing a canal bond which has been lost.

The irreducible debt will remain undisturbed. This change in the State's finances is due to an increase in the liquor tax and excise tax imposed on corporations. The message recommends the construction of a separate building for several State departments instead of any addition to the State house, as provided by a statute and carrying an appropriation of \$400,000. It is recommended that the canais be improved and maintained instead of being abandoned as proposed, and that a reasonable appropriation be made for the expense of the Ohio Centennial.

200 FELL WITH THE FLOOR.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT IN THE CITY HALL, LONDON, ONTARIO.

96 Killed Outright and Over 100 Injured - A Crowd of Jubilant Voters Had Met to Celebrate the Election of Their Candidate for Mayor-The Floor Was Packed, When Suddenly Part of It, Including the Platform, Fell-200 Persons Went Down and Crasher Through the Floor Bolow to the Cellar-An Iron Safe Fell Upon the Struggling Mass-Mayor-Elect Wilson Among the Injured-The Victims Include a Number of the Best-Known Mon in the Community. LONDON, Ontario, Jan. 3.-Twenty-six persons

were killed and over 100 injured by a portion of the City Hall floor giving way during an after-election meeting to-night. The municipal elections had been fought on strict party lines, and when the returns showed that the Conservatives had elected their candidate for Mayor, Dr. John D. Wilson, and had secured a majority in the Council, the victors, with some 2,000 supporters, adjourned to the City Hall to listen to the promises of the newly elected. The hall was jammed to the doors. People

were standing in the window seats and on the stairs, and the floor of the hall was packed. The speeches had gone along for an hour, and about 10 o'clock the small platform on which the new Mayor and his Cabinet were seated was the centre of attraction.

The crowd called for various speakers, and while waiting for an acceptable man to come forward there was a temporary lull. Barrister Richard Toothe was loudly called for, and was pushed forward toward the platform. Alderman Carrothers and Mayor-elect Wilson stepped to the front of the platform to secure quiet.

The good-humored crowd, flushed with vic tory, was jostling and shouting in jovial mood. Suddenly there was a crackling sound from the platform on which the speakers of the evening were seated. The platform seemed to pitch for ward, the floor around it gave way, and down through the floor 200 persons were hurled. Crashing down upon the heads of the

doomed persons came a huge safe an iron steam coil which were standing in the northeast corner of the hall. Jagged beams and timbers from the broken floor were hurled down upon the mass of humanity. Seen from above, all seemed strug gling for life like the crew of a sinking ship. ne of those least injured dragged themselves painfully to the walls and endeavored to reach the unbroken part of the floor from which they had fallen.

Down in the pit lay scores of motionless figures. Many lads who had climbed behind the Mayor's chair as a coign of vantage were among the victims, and screams for help in their child ish treble added new horror to the scene. With the first swaying of the floor there was

a rush excited men toward the doors. Fortunately there were many exits, and, although many of the weaker ones were crushed and trampled by those fighting for freedom and safety, no one was seriously injured. A couple of small boys rushed to safety by

deliberately clambering upon the heads of the thickly massed crowd and running over them to the doors. Within a minute the hall was cleared, and then a few white-faced spectators who had not rushed to the street straggled back into the hall

and gazed down into the abyss. The sight was a terrible one. Men cursed and prayed went and laughed in delirium of terror, all the while struggling to disentangle themselves from the network of beams and girders which surrounded and was crushing

There were cries for help and frantic appeals to those above for aid. Alderman Nell Cooper, who had been on the platform, was dragged upward by an improvised rescue corps and with half dozen others who were less seriously injured conveyed to an ante-chamber, where they were

attended by surgeons. Fighting and struggling in the pit continued. Frantic men beat down those who were weaker. and made of their bodies a stepping stone to

attempt to assure their own safety. A couple of the cooler headed, as Alderman Robert Carrothers, a giant in stature, endeavored to restrain the frantic crowd.

Bleeding from scalp wounds, his clothes torn and hanging from his back. Carrothers shouted for room, and refused to move himself until a boy who lay in front of him had been saved. Others showe ! equal beroism, but in the gen

eral terror many thought only for themselves. The fall from the floor above to the Mayor's office was about twenty feet. The weight of the Mayor's office underneath and through into the

The greater portion of the dead were taken from the cellar, having been instantly killed by the fall.

The Fire Department, police and ambulance corps were quickly on the scene and organized in the work of rescue.

The huge plate-glass windows of the Mayor's office were broken through and the broken beams and timbers thrown through to the street

in the search for the maimed. The safe that had fallen and was even then crushing out the life of four people was attached to a rope, and a score of willing hands lifted it from the victims.

Directly under the safe a man was imprisoned by fallen timbers, and as the safe was moved it seemed for a moment to hover over his head. His shricks for help were pitiful, and finally he was released, while the safe dangled on the end of a frail rope not three inches above his

The adjacent buildings were quickly exten porized into hospitals and morgues. The committee rooms of the defeated candidate for the Mayoralty just opposite the City Hall, and deserted as usual on the evening of defeat, were quickly brought into use and from

all parts of the city doctors were burried. The city hospitals were crowded with the wounded, while the list of the killed grew larger every few minutes.

It was after midnight before any authorita-

tive list of the dead could be secured. Then the worst fears had been realized. The unfortunates comprised the best-known men of

The list of the killed at midnight was as fol-F. Heaman, Crawford Beckett, E. Luxton, B. John Smith, — Talbott, W. C. Smith, John Turner, — McRober, Benjamin Nash, J. W. Borland, — Hilburn, Frank Robinson, J. W.

McLean, and six unknown. The most seriously injured are: George Yates and H. Passmore, reporters; Joshua Darch, Thomas Black, Alderman Robert Carrothers Mayor Wilson, — Burgess, William Gray, leg broken; — Fleming, arms broken; Al-derman Neil Cooper, internal injuries; R. Van Wyck, head cut; H. Kermuth.

Ben Butterworth Has a Serious Reinpac. THOMASVILLE, Ga., Jan. 3.-Benjamin Butter

worth, Commissioner of Patents, is dangerously ill at his hotel in this town, Mr. Butterworth has been here for several weeks trying to over-come the effects of a severa stack of pneumonia. Up to to-day his condition was favorable, but he has been constantly attending social func-tions, and it is supposed this induced a relapse. His physicians entertain serious fears of his life. His daughter, Mrs. Howe is here to see that he is properly taken care of.

The Tender Ment of Dairy-Fed fas young porkers, daintily seasoned with selected apieca, is used in Deerfoot Farm Sausages. Try a two pound package, and beware imitations.—Adm.

COMBINING AGAINST ENGLAND.

France and Rumin Will Co-operate If There Is War.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Washington correspon- Municipal Assembly Organdent of the Daily Chronicle cables that he learns from the highest diplomatic authority that there is a complete understanding between Russia and France in regard to the East to the extent of their cooperating on sea MANY NEW APPOINTMENTS. and land in the event of hostilities.

An effort has been made to induce Germany to act in concert with them, but hitherto without success. The movement is directed against England.

GOT A LONG-LOST SNAKE.

An 16-Foot Bon Caught by Chloreform in a

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 3.-Last summer a travelling side showman announced that ar eighteen-foot boa constrictor had escaped into the cellar of a building in Columbia's business centre. As the reptile was not found little cre dence was given the story. This morning the negro porter of the Loan and Exchange Bank saw something like a log by the furnace when he went to fire up. He was almost paralyzed when it moved, but managed to escape upstairs. It was the lost boa. Later several men, with s sponge saturated with chloroform at the end of a pole, put the huge snake to sleep and it was captured and caged.

WOMEN AS BULL FIGHTERS.

They Acquit Themselves Well, but Have Some

Exciting Experiences GUANA JUATO, Mexico, Jan. 3 .- A special feature at a bull fight in the bull ring here today was the fact that all the bull fighters were women, and several of them are prominent in society circles. The fight was very exciting, and the daring women had some parrow escapes from being gored to death.

Miss Ignacia Fernandez, one of the fighters was caught on the horns of a bull and carried around the ring several times before she could be rescued from her dangerous position. She was not seriously injured.

TO MODIFY THE GAS COMBINE PLAN. It Is Proposed to Scale Down the New Securi

ties to Be Issued to Shareholders. At a conference at the office of the Central Trust Company, 54 Wall street, yesterday, representatives of the East River and Equitable Gas companies submitted to President F. P. Olcott of the Trust Company their reasons for desiring to have the plans for the propo solidation of the two companies modified. Charles H. Coster attended the conference as the repre-

sentative of J. P. Morgan & Co., managers of the underwriting syndicate. It is understood that progress was made tow

It is understood that progress was made toward devising an amended plan, under which there will be a scaling down of the amount of new securities to be received by the security holders of both companies. An adjournment was taken until this morning.

If the negotiations result in an amended plan being agreed upon, an announcement will be made giving to security holders who have deposited their securities with the Central Trust Company as depositary under the original plan an opportunity to either withdraw their securities or leave them with the Trust Company under the amended plan.

DORA CLAY AT WHITEHALL.

She Visits Her Venerable Husband for a Day

and He Gives Her \$95. VALLEY VIEW, Ky., Jan. 3.-Gen. C. M. Clay's child wife went to Whitehali to-day to visit her venerable husband. He was glad to see her and saluted her with as much fervor as if he had been twenty instead of over fourscore. She seemed glad to see him. They took dinner together, and she did not They took dinner together, and she did not leave until nearly night. When she was ready to go the General gave her \$25. Her sister-inlaw accompanied her. It was quite dark when they returned to Valley View. It is believed that Dora will never go back to Whitehall to re-

CABLE GETS OUT OF GEAR.

main permanently.

At 9:40 o'clock last night the gripman of outh-bound Columbus avenue car failed to throw out his grip completely just before round ing the curve at Fifty-third street and Seventh avenue, around which the cars go by their own

avenue, around which the cars go by their own
momentum, and the cable was thrown from
the big wheel at the curve.

The cable was stopped as soon as possible,
but before it was done there was a solid line of
cars reaching from the curve almost to Fiftyninth street. It was half an hour before the
cable was put back on the wheel, and anothes
hour before the cars were running on time.

BUILDING 170 YEARS OLD BURNED. Once Used as the Lodge of the Arrent Schuyler

One of the oldest buildings in Hudson county was burned to the ground yesterday. It stood on the Passalc River road overlooking Belleville and the Orange Valley, and is said to have been built 170 years ago. It was once used as the lodge of the Arrent Schuyler mansion This mansion has been kept in repair notwith stading its disuse. The Schuylers, who in herited the property through intermarriag-with the Kingslands, sold it early in this cen-tury and it has passed through many hands

A Remedy for Typhus and Other Fevers. CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 3 .- A sensation has been caused in medical circles of Mexico by discovery by Dr. Miller, an American resident of this city, of a vegetable preparation which has been proven an absolute cure for the worst cases of typhus, typhoid, and malarial fever. Dr. Miller obtained the remedy from a tribe or Indians in the State of Yucatan. There were sixty cases of typhold fever among the em-ployees of a hacienda owned by Dr. La Torre in the State of Queretaro. Dr. Miller was sent for and applied his remedy, with the result that every patient quickly recovered.

Mexico Flooded with Counterfeit Silver.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 3 .- Although the Gov ernment secret agents have captured several coin counterfeiting plants in this city within the past few weeks, the flood of spurious dollars continues to pour into the hands of merchants. and it is believed the entire country is being worked by a gang. It is thought that their headquarters is in Pachuca. It is estimated that not less than \$1.000,000 of counterfeit silver is now in circulation in Mexico. The coins are made from 90 per cent, silver and 10 per cent, alloy of copper, and can be detected only by ex-

Amy Lestle Sues Stephen Crane for \$550.

Amy Leslie has brought an action in the St preme Court to recover \$550 from Stephen Crane. She says that on Nov. 1, 1896, she let him have \$800 to deposit in a bank in her name, but that he deposited the money in his own hance. She has, however, got \$250 of the money hack and she wants the difference. She says that Crane is now a resident of London, and on the ground of his non-residence she will move through her counsel, Lawyer George D. Mahon, for an attachment against his property.

The Geronn Undoubtedly Foundered.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 3.-The Ulunda, one of the steamers that went in search of the Thomason liner Gerona, arrived this afternoon. She reports no sign of the wreck, and there is no doubt she went down soon after the Captain and crow abandoned her. The fovernment steamer Newfield that also went in search has not yet returned.

Latest Marine Intelligence. Arrived-Steamship Alsatia, from Gibraltan,

NEW CITY UNDER WAY.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

izes and Gets to Work.

Mayor Gives the Tunnel Transit Plan a Downright Blow.

Aqueduct Commissioners Removed—Power Bos appointed-Mayor Shakes Hands with Shees han but Can't See James J. Martin-Scrame ble Among the Commissioners of Public Improvements to Find Offices - Borough Presidents Getting Settled-Police Board Transfers Seven Captains, Schmittberger Among Them... This is Not to He a " Wide Open Town"-Dock Board Removes Chief Engineer Greene-Changes in Brooklyn.

The new City Government which was inaugurated on Saturday got under way yesterday in all of its departments. Of course there were a great many hitches and things didn't run smoothly. Probably they won't run smoothly in many departments for some time to come. It took some of the new officials a long time to find their offices. That was because the offices under the new charter are not designated by the old names and some old departments are cut up into half a dozen new ones, the most notable instance being the old Public Works Department. But before 4 o'clock nearly all the heads of departs nents appointed by Mayor Van Wyck had found their places and settled in them. The Mayor nade a number of additional appointments and the heads of the departments appointed their

deputies. There were no surprises. The Municipal Assembly, which has larger powers than any legislative body in any of the cities incorporated in the new city, met and organized in both branches, received the Mayor's first message, and after transacting a little necessary business, adjourned until next Tues-

The man who has got the biggest job on his ands, next to the Mayor, is the Corporation Counsel, who has not only to keep the new govrnment straight in the law, but is directed to collect and codify all the laws and ordinances of all the cities, towns, and villages in the new city. The local government in each of the five oroughs was organized yesterday, as well as the general government, and the Presidents. who are the executive officers of the boroughs, took hold. There will be meetings of the borough boards in all of the boroughs this week.

and they will provide a lot of work for the Municipal Assembly next week. The new Legislature met at noon, and for two hours before either house was ready to do ousiness there was a procession of florists' wagons and of messenger boys at the City Hall. Before 12 o'clock the council chamber and the aldermen's chamber looked a good deal more like florists' shops than they did like legislative chambers, and the air in both places was heavy with the perfume of flowers. The lilies and tuberoses in the lot made them smell a good deal nore like funeral pieces than wedding pieces, There was hardly a deak in either chamber that lid not have a floral piece, and some of them had as many as a dozen. The desk of Councilman McGarry, Dem., was not only loaded down, but about half of one side of the council chamber was taken up with additional pieces that couldn't be got anywhere near his desk, One of them was a floral map of the new city with Mr. McGarry's name printed all over his district, the Eighth Brooklyn. Another was a star with Mr. McGarry's picture in the centre. Both of these pieces were so big that the florists who made them had to send the frames in in pieces, set them up in the Council chamber and then stick in the flowers. Alderman James J. Smith (Tam.) of Manhattan was almost as popular in the lower branch. He had flowers that covered his deak and the floor all

hattan had an immense floral banner more than six feet high. Both houses were to meet at 12 o'clock sharm but there was nobody to call the Board of Alder men to order, and it was necessary to wait until after the Council had organized and appointed the new City Clerk, so that he might appoint a clerk of the Board of Aldermen to get the ma-

around him. Alderman Fleck (Tam.) of Man-

chinery of this lower board into motion, ENTER THE COUNCIL

The Councilmen assembled in the committee room a little before noon, and just before they were ready to march in four laborers carried into the chamber a big papier-maché tiger with green eyes, yellow and black stripes, and a red outh and a tail that curled out behind at least two feet. The tiger itself was two feet high and three feet long. The head was swivel set, so that it nodded up and down continuously, This animal was carried up to the President's deak and set to the right of the President's chair. It came from Herman Sulzer. It was a surprise to Mr. Guggenheimer. Before the Council marched in the council chamber was full of outsiders, and Sergeant-at-Arms-to-be Michael Padden (Tam.), was beside himself trye ing to restore order. In his excitement he ran against a camera and cut open the side of his head. Mr. Padden comes from a downtown district, however, and it didn't feaze him. He slapped on a piece of black court plaster and went about his business, taking the first opportunity that came along to trip up the camere man.

He cleared the floor of all the men, including ex-United States Senator Brice, whose son was a Councilman, but he let the women stay. The Council was headed by President Guggenheimer when the members finally appeared. Mr. Guggenhelmer took his seat and immediately Miles O'Brien, who used to be in the Board of Education, stepped up and drew a gavel on him. Is was new; it was made of ivory; it was trimmed with allver. On one end of it was the word "Excelsior," and on the other end the monogram of Mr. O'Brien.

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CLERKS APPOINTED WITH SPEED.

Mr. Guggenheimer accepted the gavel and rapped for order. He said that the first business would be the election o's atemporary Clerk, and Councilman Hart of Manhattan nominated P. J. Scully (Tam). Next Councilman John T. Oakley (Tam). Next Councilman John T. Oakley (Tam). Next Councilman John T. Oakley (Tam). Mean the said candidate for Vice President, was nominated and elected. The Republicans did not vote, bus when the roll call was finished Councilman Williams of Brooklyn (Rep. and Cit) moved that Mr. Oakley's election be made unanimous. It was done. Mr. Scully was next appointed parmanent Clerk, and without losing a minute he appointed Michael F. Blake (Tam.) Clerk of the Board of Aldermen were waiting. Mr. Scully's election as Clerk was made unanimous on motion of Councilman Francisco (Itep. and Cit) of Brooklyn, Councilman Foley (Tam.) of Manhattan, named Michael Padden for Sergeant at Arms. He was elected, and on the motion of Councilman Leich (Itep. and Cit) of Hrooklyn, his election was made unanimous. This completed the organization of the board, and President Guggenheimer made a speech. It was as follows:

SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT.

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SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL: Today we are making history. The old New York, the city between the rivers, the city that was narrow and long, the city lamiliar throughout the world for her commerce, her wealth, and her philanthrapies, is no longer an entity. Those of us who have lived in oid New York during the greater part of our lives cannot out feel to-day some regret that things are changed; for, however delightful the change may be, one's heart always have a warm shad for the associations of toring times; and jet there is so much of genuine happings at the result achieved that it overshadows all other and lesser footings.